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Birds That Make Queer Noises.
The bellbird, or campanero, which is
found in South America and also in Afri-
ca, can be heard at a distance of
three miles. Its note is like the tolling
of a distant church bell and is uttered
during the heat of the day, when every
other bird has ceased to sing and na-
ture is hushed and silent. How the
bellbird utters this deep, loud note is
not known, though it is supposed that
a fleshy protuberance on its head,
which when inflated with air stands up
like a horn, is in some way the cause of
it.

The hornbill, a bird which is widely
distributed in India, the Malay archi-
pelago and Africa, has also a very loud
note. Its call has been described as
between the shriek of a locomotive and
the bray of a donkey and can be heard
a distance of about a couple of miles.
The barking bird also utters a very
loud note; indeed, it is impossible to
distinguish it from the bark of a dog.
Its English name, says Darwin, is well
given, for I defy any one at first to
feel certain that a small dog is not
yelping somewhere in the forest. The
toucan has also the same peculiarity.

The Welsh Language.
The quite erroneous idea that Welsh
is a language of consonants probably
arises from the number of w's it con-
tains, according to a Welshman in the
London News. "W" in Welsh is gen-
erally—and always between two con-
sonants—a pure vowel, sounded like
"oo" in English. Thus "cwm" is pro-
nounced "koon," rhyming with "boom."
What is really one of the most remark-
able features about the Welsh language
is the number of vowels which can
come together. In English three vowels
in succession are not often met with.
In Welsh it is not uncommon to find
four or five—e. g., in "llwydwdwr"
(governor). Here each of the five vowels
is pronounced separately in rapid
succession. Here are four
lines, consisting entirely of vowels,
made by Gornwy Owen in the eight-
eenth century:

O! w! y! w! a! w! e! u! e! u! a! e! y! w! e! u!
I o u o u a! e! y! w! e! u!
A! o u w e u a! w! e!
A! u! i! w a u! e! y! w! y! w!

Laugh and Be Glad.
"If we cannot all have a piazza, ev-
ery one may feel the sun," says an Ital-
ian proverb which is characteristic of
that patient, cheerful race.
But, after all, it is the exceptional
life which has not in it much of the
sunshine. There is always gloom for
those who wish to dwell in shadow, but
an effort of the will often carries one
out of that morbid desire into the clear-
er, sunnier air.

Difficulties and troubles, if bravely
met, make strong men and women, but
endless worry and anticipation of evil
cannot fail to weaken the will and the
character.

Laugh and be glad now, today. If
you wait till you conquer your little
world, you will never laugh and be
glad. It is better to live in a castle in
the air than in the dungeons we allow
our low spirits and forebodings to build
for us.

The Trajectory of a Thing.
The trajectory of a thing is the path
of a bullet or anything else passing
through the air from the gun to the
place where it strikes. Generally the
word is applied only to bullets and can-
non balls. In shooting at an object
near at hand you aim point blank, be-
cause the bullet practically reaches the
target before it falls at all, but when
you fire at a distant object you must
aim above it, so that the bullet may
have room to fall and yet hit the object.
The desire of every marksman is to get
a trajectory as flat as possible, so that
the bullet shall have no need of falling
very far. A flat trajectory is obtained
by increasing the speed of the bullets,
by diminishing their size and increas-
ing the powder charge.

The Monkey's Reasoning Powers.
The monkey's intelligence has never
been able to arrive at a point which en-
ables that animal to achieve the un-
tying of a knot. You may tie a monkey
with a cord fastened with the simplest
form of common knot, and unless the
beast can break the string or gnaw it
in two he will never get loose. To un-
tie the knot requires observation and
reasoning power, and, though a mon-
key may possess both, he has neither
in a sufficient degree to enable him to
overcome the difficulty.

King Solomon and His Lady Friends.
A little girl tells what she knows
about King Solomon in the following
essay: "King Solomon was a man who
lived over six many years ago, and in
the country in which he governed he
was the whole pulp. King Solomon
built Solomon's temple and was the fa-
ther of all the Masons. He had 700
wives and 200 lady friends, and that is
why there are so many Masons in the
world."—Saxby's Magazine.

Craft Wins.
"How did you ever manage to get on
the good side of that crusty old uncle
of yours?" asked Fan.
"I hid him the things he liked when
he came to visit us," replied Nan. "The
good side of any man is his inside."—
Chicago Tribune.

One of the First.
"This is a petrified man," said Mrs.
Fosdick, who was showing her hus-
band the treasures of the museum.
"He is the original marble heart, I
suppose," was Fosdick's comment.

Senseless.
Bragg—I was knocked senseless by a
cricket ball two years ago.
The Boy in the Corner—When does
yer expect ter get over it?—Glasgow
Times.

When death consents to let us live a
long time, it takes successively as hos-
tages all those we have loved.—Mme.
Necker.

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A Wonderful Air City.
Many stories have been written about
mirages and delusions, but none has
been more interesting and curious than
that of the Silent City mirage which
makes its appearance near the Pacific
glacier in Alaska. The discovery of this
wonderful mirage was made by the In-
dians, who would tell of the city which
was built in the clouds. The mirage
can be seen in the early part of July
from 5 to 6 p. m. It rises from the side
of the Pacific glacier. It first appears
like a heavy mist and soon becomes
clearer, and one can distinctly see the
specter city, well defined streets and
trees, tall spires and huge and odd shap-
ed buildings which appear to be an-
cient mosques or cathedrals. It is a city
which would seem to contain at least
25,000 or 30,000 inhabitants.

As yet no one has been able to iden-
tify it, although several have claimed
to recognize the place. There is no city
like it in Alaska, nor in any country
about it for thousands of miles. Some
claim it is a city in Russia, others say
it is a city in England, but none can
tell where and what it is. The mirage
was given the name of Silent City, as it
appears to one like a dead city. There
is nothing that would indicate that it
is inhabited.

Good Breeding.
The most potent factor of good breed-
ing, the prime element, the first prin-
ciple, is nothing more or less than a
condensation of the Golden Rule—un-
selfishness, kindness of heart. Nothing
else can ever gain superiority over this
great and noble trait of character, and
without this no person can possess real
refinement, perfect dignity and truly
good breeding. Nothing can supply its
loss, and nothing can buy its posses-
sion. Unselfishness is inherent, innate
and inborn. It is a mysterious some-
thing that cannot well be defined and
yet may be found in the poorest and
humblest as well as in the loftiest and
noblest of all God's creatures.

Good breeding is plainly a matter of
instinct, an inborn possession that is
one of the greatest of treasures. Many
possess it, but a great many more fail
to attain it through lack of the neces-
sary qualities essential to its acqui-
sition.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

A Fable of the Great Rachel.
"Look at the presents Rachel, the
great actress, made to every one," say
the panegyrists. They forget to men-
tion that an hour afterward she regret-
ted her generosity, and from that mo-
ment she never left off scheming how
to get them back. Every one knew
this. Beattie, to whom she gave a
magnificent sword one day, instead of
thanking her said: "I'll have a chain
put to it, mademoiselle, so as to fasten
it to the wall of my dressing room. In
that way I shall be sure that it will
not disappear during my absence."

Alexandre Dumas the younger, to
whom she made a present of a ring,
bowed low and placed it back on her
finger at once. "Allow me to present it
to you in my turn, mademoiselle, so as
to prevent your asking for it." She did
not say nay, but carried the matter
with one of her fascinating smiles.—
"An Englishman in Paris."

Sacred Teeth.
Teeth of all kinds have been wor-
shipped and are, in fact, venerated as
relics in some religious shrines. Bud-
dha's tooth is preserved in an Indian
temple, the Chinese worship the tooth
of a monkey, while the elephant's and
shark's teeth serve a similar purpose
among the Malabar and Tonga island-
ers respectively. The Siamese were
formerly the possessors of the tooth of
a sacred monkey, which they valued
very highly, but in a war with the
Portuguese they lost the holy grinder
and had to pay \$35,000 to get it
back again. It is now kept in a small
gold box, inclosed in six other boxes,
in one of the many temples of the
Siamese capital.

What the Editor Advised.
An authoress of some note in her day
once asked a famous editor to give his
opinion on a book which she intended
to publish. In her letter she said:
"If the work is not up to the mark, I
beg you will tell me so, as I have other
things in the fire, and should you think
this not likely to succeed I can bring
out something else."
Having read over several pages of
the manuscript, the editor returned it
with the following brief remark:
"Madam, I would advise you to put
this where your irons are."

A Poor Lot.
The Modern Enoch Arden—Well, it
is a little more than twenty years since
I went away, and now I find that you
have married and buried two husbands
during my absence from home.
Mrs. Arden—Three, not two, Enoch.
Enoch Arden—Ah, well! They must
have been a pretty poor lot. I notice
that none of 'em mended the garden
gate that was broken when I left.

Flattered Out.
Heviway—I thought of a very fun-
ny joke in my sleep last night, but
when I woke up somehow it was as
flat as a pancake.
Litewayte—No wonder. I suppose
you slept on it.

It Was On.
Mistress—I told you half an hour ago
to turn on the gas in the parlor, Bridg-
et.
Bridget—Sure, an' I did, mum. Don't
yez smell it?—London Fun.

Dangerous.
The Maid—Shall I dust the bric-a-
brac, mum?
The Mistress—Not today, Nora. I
don't think we can afford it.

As We Talk.
Hoax—I just heard some news that
seems too good to be true.
Joax—That's too bad.—Philadelphia
Record.

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when he places his stethoscope against
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man hears a pleasant, breezy sound,
soft in tone, as you draw in the breath
and expel it. Should the instrument
convey to his ear a gurgling or bub-
bling sound he makes a mental note of
the fact that you are in what is known
as the moist stage of bronchitis. In the
dry stage of the same complaint the
sound is a whistling, wheezy one.

One of the signs of pneumonia is the
rattling note that comes through the
stethoscope. It is not unlike the sound
that can be heard when your fingers
and thumb have touched a sticky sub-
stance and you first place them togeth-
er and then part them, holding them
close to your ear.
Doctors occasionally hear a dripping
sound, and that indicates that air and
water have got into some part of the
chest where they have no right to be.
Blow across a bottle and you will pro-
duce a sound which is actually to be
heard in your chest. It is caused in the
same way—that is, by air passing over
a cavity.

The Growth of the Acorn.
The acorn is the fruit of the oak.
The seed germ is a very small object
at the pointed end of the acorn, with
the future root uppermost. The acorn
drops, and its contents doubtless un-
dergo important molecular and chemi-
cal changes while it lies under winter
covering of leaves or snow. In the
mild warmth of spring the acorn
swells, the little root elongates, emerges
from the end of the shell and, no mat-
ter what the position of the acorn,
turns downward. The root penetrates
the soil two or three inches before the
stalk begins to show itself and grow
upward. The "meat" of the acorn
nourishes both root and stalk, and two
years may pass before its store of food
is entirely exhausted.

At the end of a year the young oak
has a root twelve to eighteen inches
long, with numerous shorter rootlets,
the stalk being from six to eight inches
high. In this stage it differs from the
tree. To watch these transformations
under the lens is a fascinating occupa-
tion.

Some of Jerrold's Wit.
Douglas Jerrold, the playwright, once
complained of the inferior company
that was performing one of his plays
at the Haymarket theater, in London.
"Why, there's V," said the manager,
pointing to the stage. "He was bred on
these boards." "He looks as if he had
been cut out of them," growled Jerrold.
The playwright was always very
nervous on a "first night." Another
dramatist, popularly supposed to "lift"
his plots and situations from the French,
assured him that he did not know the
meaning of nervousness on such an oc-
casion. "I can quite understand that,"
he said pleasantly; "your pieces
have always been tried before."

"Call that a kind man," said an ac-
quaintance who, speaking of an acquaintance
who was abroad—"a man who is away from
his family and never sends them a far-
thing! Call that kindness!" "Certain-
ly," said Jerrold; "unrelenting kind-
ness!"

Where Ruth Got Her Information.
"How did Columbus get the money to
equip his ships and pay other expenses
of his expedition?" asked the teacher.
A little girl raised her hand, and the
teacher, noting the eager, animated
face, said: "Tell us, Ruth." And Ruth
arose and answered in loud, clear tones:
"Queen Isabella of Spain hooked her
jewels, and her husband, King Fernan-
do, stopped smoking for a week!"
With twinkling lips and a twinkle in
her eye the teacher said:

"Where did you get your informa-
tion, Ruth?" And the small maiden re-
plied:
"From Bill Nye's 'History of the
United States.'"—New York Tribune.

Ant Strength.
An English scientist recently weighed
a small ant and a dead grasshopper
which it was dragging to its nest. The
weight of the grasshopper was found to
be sixty times greater than that of the
ant. The force exerted by the ant in
dragging the grasshopper along the road
was therefore proportionately equal
to that of a man weighing 150
pounds pulling a load of four and one-
half tons or a horse of 1,200 pounds a
load of thirty-six tons.

Caste In England.
The millstone hanging to the neck of
English industry is labeled "Caste." Caste
frowns upon work as a vulgar
necessity; caste bars trade from the oc-
cupations a gentleman may follow;
caste places birth above ability; caste
holds the world's prizes out of reach of
the lowly born.—London Magazine of
Commerce.

The Real Need.
"I'd like to have some good old fash-
ioned home cooking," said the man
with a permanent sour expression.
"What you mean," said the physician,
"is that you would like to have the di-
gestion that you had when you were a
boy."—Washington Star.

Didn't Need It.
"Have you given Mr. Staleight any
encouragement?" asked the impatient
mother.
"No, mamma," replied the confident
daughter. "So far I haven't found it
necessary."

Still Undone.
Wife—A woman's work is never done.
Husband—You have anticipated me,
dear. The shirt of mine still lacks its
needed buttons.—Richmond Dispatch.

No man is a failure because he says
what he thinks. The failure comes
when a man thinks of the wrong thing
to say.—Boston Christian Register.

A Strong Hint.
Harduppe—Say, old man, I believe I
owe you an apology.
Freeman—Well, I've heard it called a
V, a diver, a flunk plunk and five
bones, but never an apology before!

Pretty nearly every ninety pound wo-
man has an ambition to be managing
editor of a 240 pound man.—Pittsburg
Dispatch.

Poverty is a grindstone on which
many wits are sharpened.—Chicago
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The Time to Do the Counting.
In the old days of impetuous warfare
caution was not regarded as so much a
virtue on the part of a military com-
mander as at present. In a battle be-
tween French and Austrians, in which
Marshal Bugeaud commanded the
French forces, an officer of the staff
said to the marshal: "The enemy are
advancing. Shall I send a party to re-
connoiter and see how numerous they
are?" "No," said Bugeaud; "we'll
count 'em after we've beaten 'em."

A Natural Ambition.
Clergymen (patronizingly)—Well, my
little man, what would you like to be
when you grow up?
Johnny—A clergyman, sir.
Clergymen—Now tell me why you
would like to be a clergyman, my boy.
Johnny (unabashed)—Because, sir, all
the ladies would make a fuss over me
and get out all the best things to eat
when I came to see them.

The Obliging Friend.
"You know that Griggs and I both
love you. Can't you make a choice to-
day?"
"A choice, indeed! When I do make
a choice, you can rest assured that it
will not interest you!"
"Thanks! I'll tell Griggs."—Exchange.

His Strong Point.
"Some people say, you know," re-
marked the spaniel, "that when human
beings die they take the form of ani-
mals."
"Well, if I was ever a human being,"
replied the cat, "I must have been a
bird fancier."—Philadelphia Press.

Enjoying Venice.
"I just asked Mrs. Nouveau-Riche if
she enjoyed Venice, and what do you
think she said?"
"Give it up."
"That they only stayed one night, as
the streets were flooded and people had
to go about in boats."

WEEDS

Consumption is a human
weed flourishing best in weak
lungs. Like other weeds it's
easily destroyed while young;
when old, sometimes im-
possible.

Strengthen the lungs as you
would weak land and the
weeds will disappear.

The best lung fertilizer is
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is good too, but it is very hard
to digest.

The time to treat consump-
tion is when you begin trying
to hide it from yourself.
Others see it, you won't.
Don't wait until you can't
deceive yourself any longer.
Begin with the first thought
to take Scott's Emulsion. If
it isn't really consumption so
much the better; you will soon
forget it and be better for the
treatment. If it is consump-
tion you can't expect to be
cured at once, but if you will
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ment you will win.

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A Remarkable Race of People.
In Sumatra there is a very singular
race of human beings called the Kubus.
They are the most timid and bashful
people in the world, being too shy to
mingle with the other races of the is-
land. They dwell in the darkest re-
cesses of the mountain forests and
have seldom been seen by white men.
One has never been known to willingly
face a stranger. This being the case, their
trade with the Malaysians is car-
ried on in a very strange way. The
trader announces his arrival by beat-
ing a gong and then retires from the
place of rendezvous. The shy Kubus
then approach, put their forest treas-
ures on the ground, beat the trader's
gong and retreat. The trader then re-
turns and lays his commodities down
in quantities sufficient to pay the pur-
chase price of the goods on sale.

He then disappears for a second time,
this to give the Kubus a chance to re-
turn and consider the bargain. After
many withdrawals, approaches, gong
beatings, etc., an understanding is ar-
rived at, and each party carries away
its bargain. This remarkable race
knows nothing of a supreme being,
heaven, hell or evil demons. They have
no system of marriage and never bury
their dead. They live on snakes, ants,
bugs, grubs, etc.

The Creation of the Camel.
There is an Arab tradition that in
Burton's "Gold Mines of Midian" re-
garding the creation of the camel
which illustrates the popular but er-
roneous opinion that this animal is ugly
in form and temper.

The story goes that when Allah de-
termined to create the horse he called
the south wind and said, "I desire to
draw from thee a new being; condense
thyself by parting with thy fluidity."
The Creator then took a handful of
this element, blew upon it, breath of
life and the noble quadruped appeared.
But the horse complained against his
Maker. His neck was too short to
reach the distant grass blades on the
march; his back had no hump to steady
a saddle; his hoofs were sharp and
sank deep into the sand, and he added
many similar grievances.

Whereupon Allah created the camel
to prove the foolishness of his com-
plaint. The horse shuddered at the
sight of what he wanted to become,
and this is the reason that every horse
starts when meeting its caricature for
the first time.

Irene's Opportunity.
Willie—What makes you come to our
house so often, Mr.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We look to the friends of the Ledger to keep us posted concerning events of public interest happening in any part of the county. Our regular correspondents will be furnished with writing material and stamps for this purpose. Births, deaths, marriages, accidents, amusements, mining and other industrial progress, social topics, new buildings, persons leaving the county, etc., are always acceptable. Give details of important items, no matter how rough a shape. Avoid personal remarks that might give offense. Visitors between towns in the county need not be mentioned, but visits from or to places beyond the county may be recorded.

CALIFORNIA MINE OPERATORS ASSOCIATION.

The organization of the mine-owners of California for mutual protection and support is the natural result of the conditions which have prevailed along the mother lode of this and other counties for the past year. This organization is entirely distinct from the California Miners' Association which has been in existence in this state for so many years. It is different not only in its membership material, but also in its object and aims. The old association is merely for an exchange of views, to promote the mining industry generally, by suggestions regarding necessary changes in the law, and an interchange of ideas concerning advanced mining methods. It is to endeavor to keep abreast of the times in the rapidly onward march of mining methods. Its membership is not confined to mine-owners. Mine workers and any and all persons engaged directly or indirectly in the business of mining were welcome to its ranks. The new organization, if we gauge its meaning correctly, is on a different plane. Its membership is to be confined to mine owners, and those representing the actual owners. "Self preservation is said to be the highest law of nature." This is true not alone in the physical world, but in financial and business matters also. It is in response to this universal law that the combine of mine employers has been entered upon. For more than a quarter of a century past the mother lode region has enjoyed peace and amity between mine owners and mine workers. There had been no friction between the forces of capital and muscle. Everything went along smoothly and harmoniously, and the great industry flourished. But over a year ago a disturbing factor appeared in the shape of professional labor agitators, bent on forming the underground toilers into labor unions affiliated with the Western Federation of Miners. The Ledger at that time, with no uncertain voice, pointed out the impolicy of listening to these apostles of mischief. Such a course had brought ruin and distress before; it was bound to be productive of evil again if pressed to its ultimate issue. The movement would be interpreted by the employers as a challenge to a trial of strength; would breed distrust and suspicion, where only confidence should exist. Unions were organized, masked and labeled as the messengers of good will and so forth, for the purpose of gaining a foothold. All the same their true intent could not be concealed. The movement was originated to foment trouble; to readjust matters of hours and wages in the mines. Relying upon the power of concerted action, inflammatory talk was indulged in, and firebrand articles were published. True, those adopting these methods were not representative men; they had no property interests at stake to speak of. Nevertheless their actions tended to unsettle things. Now the mine owners have started a protective organization. It is not to fight the labor unions; not to make aggressive warfare upon employees whether union men or not. It is an alliance for mutual protection. It means that with the might of numbers the federated workers shall not be allowed to encroach upon the rights of the employers in detail. A contest at one point means a united front in defense of their right to conduct their business according to their own notions and to employ whomsoever they please, without dictation or coercion. If we have gauged the spirit of this new-born organization aright we regard it as a step in the right direction; one that cannot fail to have a salutary effect in reestablishing confidence and the revival of mining activity all along the lode.

PROBATION LAW.

A radical departure in criminal practice has been made by the probation bill passed by the late legislature. It provides that after a plea or verdict of guilty, the court is empowered in the exercise of its discretion, to suspend sentence upon a prisoner over 16 years of age, and place the offender under

the supervision of a probation officer appointed by the court. Under this arrangement the convicted one escapes the odium of incarceration in the state or county prison, and is allowed his freedom the same as though he had never offended, except that the probation officer, upon any disposition being manifested to persist in a criminal career on the part of the probationer, may have him arrested and brought before the court for sentence. It is hoped that by this probation arrangement many a young offender may be redeemed from a life of crime, which is the usual result of committing a young man to state prison. The associations there formed, the atmosphere of crime which surrounds him, blunts all the finer susceptibilities of his nature, so that upon his release he naturally gives vent to the criminal habit which he has contracted from evil associations. The probation law is expected to save many a youth from this danger. The spirit of this sweeping departure is commendable. If the law is not abused, it bids fair to work a desirable reform. One peculiar feature about it is that the probation officer receives no salary or compensation for his services, except that his necessary expenses must be paid by the county. The "necessary expenses" is where the possibility of a little joker finding a lodging place comes in. It may prove another pipe line laid to tap the county treasury. Experience will tell.

THE NEW BALLOT LAW.

The Belshaw ballot bill has been signed by the governor. Its principal provision is that a straight ticket may be voted by stamping a cross in the circle at the top of the column. It also allows the voter to stamp in the circle, and to make crosses opposite the names of candidates in other columns, the candidates so voted for taking the places of those for the same offices in the voter's party column. The "no nomination" muddle is avoided by simply crowding up the ticket where a full set of candidates has not been named, thus leaving no room for an elector to vote for any but actual candidates.

Where there are two candidates on the same ticket for the same office, the title of the office must be printed in the space given to each candidate's name, thus doing away with such mistakes as occurred last November in voting for justices of the supreme court.

The Amador Record is not prepared to express an opinion on the question of whether the present incumbents of the offices of justices of the peace and constables are entitled to draw salary under the law passed by the late legislature. It prefers to relegate that knotty problem to the people. The Ledger has been laboring under the impression that the majority of the people had already voiced their verdict on that proposition; that their verdict is embodied in that instrument which is called the state constitution; that this declaration is the supreme law of the state, and cannot be wantonly set aside to please the caprices of office-holders or legislators. How the question can be referred back to the people of Amador county in the off-hand manner suggested by our contemporary is something that we cannot understand.

In Illinois steps are being taken to practically test the value of the proposition of consolidating a number of neighboring school districts, and paying for the transportation of pupils to and from a centrally located school house. It is believed much better results will be secured by one strong school, employing a number of teachers, than to have a number of schools employing one or at most two teachers. The same thing has been suggested in California. It is probable that the saving in teachers' salary and the cost of maintaining a number of school buildings, would more than repay the expense of the transportation of the children from the remote parts of the districts to the schoolhouse. Anyway Illinois is about to try the plan, and the experiment will be watched with interest throughout the United States.

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THE TAX RATE.

The state tax has been fixed at 65 cents on \$100 for 1903. This is an increase over last year's rate of 27 cents. Such a jump is we believe without a parallel in the history of the state. There have been years when the rate has been greater, but never has there been such a marked difference between two successive years. The main cause of this heavy increase is the levy of a tax last year far too low to meet the running expenses, thereby throwing the burden of that year upon the future. The present administration is anxious to place the state finances on a pay-as-you-go basis, and hence the levy of the high rate partly to make up for the deficiency of the preceding years. The rate for next year is estimated at 60 cents. With 27 cents added to the total property tax in Amador county for 1902, we have \$2.22 as the prospective rate for the current year. With additional expenses provided under the laws just passed by the legislature an additional tax of 10 cents will be required, provided of course these laws are permitted to become operative during the present official term. This would add another ten cents to the tax rate. The outlook therefore is promising that the property holders of this county will have to face a stiffer tax rate this year than they have known for many years, unless the levy on some of the county funds can be materially reduced. The only reduction that is at all practicable is on the road tax. The special road tax might be reduced somewhat, and perhaps the regular road tax also, but it is not probable that any relief of the taxpayers in this way will be tolerated by the managing board.

HIGH SCHOOL LAW.

The tacking on of the high schools to the state educational system is giving birth to a good deal of worry to educators. How the plan will work out in practice is a problem only to be solved by time. The law provides for a tax of one and a half cents on all assessable property for high schools. This is supposed to raise sufficient money to allow \$15 per head for average daily attendance of high school pupils. A school must be maintained for not less than 180 days each year. We assume this means school days, which will give an eight months' course each year. At \$15 per head, this will cost nearly \$2 per head per month for each pupil. That this is a pretty steep price for tuition, whether primary, high school or university course, no one will dispute. No wage-earner could afford to educate a family of children on such high grade basis. It is far more than tuition costs in the best private academies in the state. But with this munificent provision, it is a debatable question whether the law is adequate. Take Amador county for an example. The average attendance at the lone academy is, say about 90. This is probably more than the district dependent upon lone could furnish of grammar grade graduates. If that academy were turned into a high school under the state law, and continued as now the only school of that grade in the county, it might command a higher attendance. It is extremely doubtful, however, if under such favorable conditions the average attendance would exceed 50. Taking this as a liberal allowance, at \$15 per head, this would give a revenue from the state for the support of the school of \$750. For this sum an eight months' school must be maintained, with not less than two teachers. We have not seen the full text of the law, but any one can see that such a sum is utterly inadequate. We presume the balance of the money necessary to maintain the school would have to come from a special tax upon the property of the high school district. A per capital of \$30 would hardly meet the total requirements. Is it surprising that some uneasiness begins to crop out as to where this bill will land us. Can the sparsely settled counties organize under it so as to receive the benefit of the state aid? If not, the practical result will be that the districts which were intended to be benefitted by this higher education law, will have to dig up coin for the benefit of centers of population, which are well able to support such institutions by special tax upon their own people.

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E. B. Hunsaker to Mrs. M. F. Hall—Electric quartz mine near Electra; \$10.
 Estate of P. Collier—Decree of distribution recorded.
 W. P. Peck to Lily Love—Lot in Peck's addition; \$10.
 Catherine Fuller to P. Dwyer—Right of way for sewer pipe; \$5.
 John Wilson to Henry B. Kaeding and others—One half interest in land near Drytown; \$10.
 U. S. to Mary V. Mails—SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 sec 7 twp 6 r 15; patent.
 Ione Coal and Iron Company to Frank Francis—44 acres, Ione; \$10.
 L. F. Harmon to Lawrence L. Cuneo—Wild West quartz mine, Volcano district; \$10.

MORTGAGE.

Ida Passero to Marguerita Molino—Property in Jackson Gate; \$635.50 one year, 8 per cent.
 SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGES.
 Lovaggi to Wait, partial satisfaction of mortgage.
 Lovaggi to Petrinovich, partial satisfaction.
 Lovaggi to Upton, partial satisfaction.

MISCELLANEOUS.

W. Going to P. H. Mahoney—Certificate of sale as commissioner, 160 acres, \$500.
 Geo. W. Smith—Certificate of redemption of S 1/2 of NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of sec 34 twp 7 r 11; sold for del taxes 1898-1901, \$125.76.

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SUPERIOR COURT.

HON. H. C. HUST, JUDGE.

Estate of P. Collier—The whole of the real estate, consisting of lot in Sutter Creek, set apart for benefit of widow.

Estate of James Passero—Order made granting administratrix permission to mortgage premises at Jackson Gate.

Estate of George Harville—Lorenzo Marre appointed administrator.

People vs. J. J. Ekel—Defendant sentenced to pay a fine of \$50, or serve a term of 25 days in jail.

Estate of Geo. T. Joyce—Leota Joyce petitions for letters of administration. Petition alleges that deceased died at Defendant January 27, 1903. His estate consists of an undivided one-fourth interest in a certain quartz claim known as the Tont and Dick mine, in Volcano mining district, and the value of the same being unknown. The heirs at law are the petitioner, widow of deceased, and a father, Fred B. Joyce. April 4 has been appointed for hearing said petition. Thos. C. Molloy of San Francisco is attorney.

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REED—OATES—In Amador City, March 19, 1903, Leonard Reed to Miss Annie Oates, both of Amador City.

DIED.

GRISHAM—At Butte, near Jackson, March 23, 1903, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay-burn F. Grisham, aged 12 days.

RULE—Near Upper Rancheria, March 21, 1903, Edith Rule, aged 73 years.

THOMAS—In Plymouth, March 10, 1903, Edmund Thomas, aged 45 years, 11 months and 7 days.

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W. F. Detor, superintendent of the Alta, returned from San Francisco Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Spagnoli returned from San Francisco last Sunday, after enjoying a pleasant visit with relatives in the bay.

An elegant assortment of applique immings can be found at Redlick's. St. Augustine's church—Divine service will be held Sunday evening next, to the first Sunday in the month. Service 7:30.

Mrs. F. Simich left last Thursday for San Francisco, being called thither on account of the serious illness of a mother-in-law.

No headache, no gastritis, follows the use of "Jesso Moore" pure whisky. It is one good. There is none other to equal it.

E. R. Renno arrived in Jackson from the city on Friday evening, and the following day went on to Electra, where he will be employed for the Standard Electric Company.

The establishment of a new bank in Jackson is talked of, with John Reggio, the well known stage line proprietor, as president. The capital stock is placed at \$300,000.

The raffia of the dwelling house near Otaville, belonging to Mrs. Billings, is taken place at China's saloon on Monday evening next, March 29. All orders of tickets are invited to be sent.

Mokelumne Hill St. Paul's church—people and choir have invited St. Augustine's surplice choir of Jackson to assist them in divine service. The invitation has been accepted, and the choir intends to visit them shortly after Easter.

Our new line of Kingsbury hats will arrive in a few days. See them before buying your new spring hat. Always the best hat for holding shape, and try hat guaranteed. Jackson Shoe store.

Mrs. Max Ladar, who was called to San Francisco suddenly last week on receipt of a message that her mother, Mrs. Axelrod, was dangerously ill, returned home this week. She left Mrs. Axelrod on the road to recovery, and of danger.

Amador Parlor No. 17, N. S. G. W., Sutter Creek, has elected the following delegates to the Grand Parlor, to meet in Bakersfield on April 27: J. Jarvis, F. M. Frakes. This parlor is also an aspirant for the position of grand trustee in the person of C. E. Jarvis, a special committee having been appointed to use all honorable means to secure his election.

They don't want to miss seeing those oxfords at the Jackson Shoe Store. They are right up-to-date in patent.

Nothing further is known about the attempt at stage robbery. Devoes Thacker and White—who have for many years employed by S. Farago & Co. in detective work—advised the scene of the crime a few days after the affair. They reached the conclusion that the robber is the man who has distinguished himself in the highway business in Colocino and other counties. Several things fastened this impression in their minds—the caliber of the rifle used by one of them. They failed to find out whether other than what local officers discovered.

Remember that the patent kids are on the go for the spring shoes. We have new lines arriving daily. Get them at the Jackson Shoe Store.

The Echo man is troubled over an attempt to the effect that brother Webb of the Ledger was "soaked" on account of the departure of H. Unsworth, collector and solicitor. It was such a morsel for his mental palate he announces it in two places in this issue. The wish, however, is not to the thought. If the Echo per centage of loss on subscribers' advertisements is no greater than the Echo's shortage on account of its late error, it can safely boast of being the successful collector in the news-line in America.

ing samples of cloth for men's made suits have been received M. B. B. & Co. by Redlick's, agents for Amador Co. For fitting, best quality and lowest prices, they have no equal. Satisfaction guaranteed or you do not take the pants. No deposit required.

S. Sharp, a brother of Dr. Wm. Sharp, a prominent physician of Jackson, early days, was in town this week.

He was here about 20 years ago on occasion of the funeral of his brother. He was surprised at the improvements that had taken place in town since his last visit.

Now a resident of Tonopah, he claims to be one of the best miners camps ever discovered on the coast. It is, in his opinion, a gem in its palmy days.

In Ekel came to Jackson Monday, being the day set by the court for payment of the fine imposed upon him for assault, to which charge he had guilty. The fine was \$50, and payment of it was made on Monday morning. With the assistance of friends he scraped together the money wherewith to settle the fine.

When he got to Jackson however, he was 50 per cent short. Fall-show up at the appointed hour, Sheriff's office was instructed to let him in town. Some time thereafter he appeared in an appearance about the house, and was promptly landed calaboose. Toward evening the sheriff's equivalent was turned over to him, and he was liberated, and on his homeward way rejoicing.

Frank enough to say that he had made up his mind to remain in town for the night. With the assistance of friends he scraped together the money wherewith to settle the fine.

Motor Bicycle.

The first motor bicycle entered Jackson Tuesday. It was intended to reach here by its own motive power and mounted by a driver. But this arrangement fell through, owing to untoward conditions. A. H. Wright of Stockton is agent for the Michael Motor Cycle. It is propelled by a small gasoline engine, of 2 1/2 horse power. It is claimed that it can be driven at a rate of 40 miles an hour; a fair traveling gait is 20 miles per hour, or as speedy as a railroad locomotive. C. A. Cramer and Dr. Endicott were desirous of investigating the merits of the wheel for business considerations. So the agent arranged to send one up here, in charge of Chas. Hackett, an experienced cyclist. He left Stockton Monday afternoon, and calculated to reach Jackson by nightfall, 50 miles. The trip to Clements—13 miles—was made in 35 minutes. From here he traveled the route to Wm. G. Good valley, and with numerous streamlets to delay him, he managed to reach here at six o'clock. Tuesday morning he started for Jackson. He made Dufrene's station—four miles—in fifteen minutes. Here, however, it was found that the road had become sloppy, and it was impracticable to ride the machine further. He was told by the firm to continue the trip, which he did by shipping the concern on a freight wagon. It reached about five o'clock, and was the destruction of the town. He could not stop it however in practical operation, and this fact marred the prospects of a sale. It is claimed that a trip of ten miles can be made with a consumption of a pint of gasoline, or half a cent per mile. It is perfectly safe. In muddy roads, however, the wheels turn round the same as locomotive wheels on greased rails. No need of a chain. The machine was sent to Stockton Wednesday.

Committed for Insanity.

Mrs. Coloma G. Thoms was brought over from Plymouth last Monday by her husband, Fred H. Thoms, to be examined before the superior court by Drs. E. E. Endicott and A. M. Gall. From the evidence produced it seems that when a girl of 15 years, the patient was a sufferer from brain fever. The present attack of mental derangement began two years ago, and has gradually been getting worse. She developed a restlessness, with alternate periods of depression and excitement. The attempted suicide by trying to throw herself into a well recently, and she imagines she can't eat, and yet has a good appetite; says she has obstruction of the throat, and that she is going to die; her delusions are of a fixed character. Her condition was diagnosed as progressive mania, and she was committed to the insane asylum at Napa. She is 52 years of age, a native of Indiana, and has been in California since the age of 18 months. The Thoms family has a disposition to insanity in the family. She was taken back to Plymouth Monday afternoon, and the following morning Mr. Thoms took her to Carbondale, where they were met by sheriff Norman, who went on with them to deliver his charge to the authorities of Napa asylum. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Thoms in this overwhelming affliction, following within a few days of the loss of a son by death.

To Move the M. E. Church.

At a meeting of members and trustees of the M. E. church last week, it was voted to proceed with the removal of the old building forthwith, preliminary to the erection of a new brick edifice, partly on the site of the present building. A contract was entered into with A. H. Kuhlman to move the building to the rear and south side of the church lot for the sum of \$100. Mr. Kuhlman was to start work on Monday, and made arrangements with experts in the house-building business to assist in this work. They will be here next Monday, with all the machinery and apparatus for this kind of work. At the same time, it is intended to deliver his charge to the authorities of Napa asylum. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Thoms in this overwhelming affliction, following within a few days of the loss of a son by death.

Death of a Pioneer.

John G. Fisher, one of the pioneers of Amador county, died at the home of the King's Daughters in Oakland on March 22. He was taken to that institution the week before from his home in Drytown, owing to the increasing infirmities of old age. He was one of the early settlers of Drytown, and notwithstanding all the vicissitudes of the miner's life in early days, he made Drytown his home continuously for the period of 52 years. He was a widower, and was survived by a wife of Germany. The remains were forwarded to Drytown, and the funeral took place Tuesday, remains being deposited in the cemetery of that village.

The Foresters Entertain.

Court Jackson 148, F. of A., entertained their grand trustee, George Reasoner, of Lodi, Thursday evening, March 26th, at the I. O. O. F. hall. The following program was rendered: Overture—By the Jackson orchestra. Address—Welcome—E. C. Bole. Violin solo—"Angel's serenade," Monroe Well.

Selection by the photograph. Overture—Jackson orchestra. Song—"Lesson in flirtation," Misses Oda Ginochio, Ora Angove, Marie Parker, and Della Martell. Recitation—George Reasoner. Selection—(from Martha) Henry Well. Selection—Jackson orchestra.

After the program a laborer supper was served, in which a large number of invited guests participated. A. L. Coet has been selected for delegate, and John R. Aviso elected as alternate to the grand court session at Santa Cruz last Tuesday in May.

Labor Union Men Meet.

A number of representatives of labor unions from different parts of the state are in Jackson to-day, and more are expected to-night. These have been mainly from the organization in California and Tuolumne counties. A report is current that a convention of the delegates will be held in Jackson to-morrow, for the purpose of taking such action as may be considered advisable. Whether this means a strike will be known in a few hours. Some of the head men from Colorado are here. Rumor has it that one of the demands to be made upon the mine owners is for an eight hour day for all underground work.

Strikes A Rich Find.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "I was cured by taking until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just as good for female troubles as they are for a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by D. B. Spagnoli.

Additional Locals.

Butterick Patterns at Redlick's.

For a good potatoe try Caminetti's Burbanks.

Nothing will please an invalid as well as a package of those fancy cakes from Caminetti's Mkt.

C. W. Schacht, Dentist, Webb building. Hours—9 to 12 a. m.; 1 to 5 p. m. Saturdays 9 to 12 a. m.; 1 to 4 p. m.

M. E. church services March 29—Sunday school, 10 a. m.; gospel services, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.

The Jackson baseball boys received their new uniforms this week. They are looking around for suitable grounds near town for the coming season.

The Novelty Company of vaudeville and moving pictures has been in Jackson all the week, exhibiting for the past few days in the Penry building. The show will continue to-night and tomorrow. Admission 10 cents.

Oysters, frozen oysters, only 50c a can. Guaranteed to be fresh, and the same that are sold elsewhere for 60c and 75c, at Caminetti's Market.

Men's straw and crash hats have arrived at Redlick's.

C. C. Jensens, the expert optician, is back in Jackson, after a week's absence at Elone, Amador City and Plymouth. He will remain here for a few days longer.

The Angels Record says that W. P. Everts of Jackson is a master of the fisticuff business, if not in the newspaper line. Last week our local celebrity engaged in a glove contest in Angels with Jack Eby of that town, and put him man to sleep in the fifth round.

Fine assortment of wrappers at Redlick's at cut prices.

Richard Russell Smith the Stockton assayer writes: Don't buy a prospect, or erect a plant upon one you have bonded or own, upon the showing of the assays from the few poorly made samples taken when developing the property. When ready for business the advice of a good assayer will often cause you to change your plans and save thousands of dollars.

Ladies' oxfords for 25 and 50c a pair. Jackson Shoe Store.

Dixon Hall Rule, an old and well-known pioneer of Amador county, died at his home in Upper Rancheria last Saturday, after a long illness. The end was not looked for by his friends, as he had been confined to his bed for 18 months prior to his death. He leaves a wife and grown up family. The remains were buried in the Volcano cemetery on Monday last, a large number of his old-time friends following the body to his final resting place.

Men's up-to-date summer shirts at Redlick's.

Nabisco sugar wafers, sold only by Cassinelli, are unexcelled. Try them. You will eat no other. Large consignments just received.

This Mark Means QUALITY.

For the Brown Shoe Co's shoes. Redlick's are exclusive agents for Jackson.

A. C. Barrett, who has been experienced for several weeks with Buena Vista coal for the purpose of ascertaining the comparative merits of the coal and coal as fuel from an economical standpoint, says that in his opinion coal is fully 25 per cent cheaper than wood. It is more than probable that the considerable quantity of coal will be used at the hospital in future, for heating purposes if not for cooking.

Our new line of men's Orthopedics have just arrived. See the new lasts for this season; patent kids are the latest in men's goods. Jackson Shoe Store.

George Yager, the well known merchant of Ione, was mending fences on a place owned by him on the Ione road last week. He was working in a tunnel or open cut by the roadside as the four-horse stage came along. Without noticing that guard McConnell was on board with his shotgun, he thought he would joke on the driver. Holding up a hammer he said to the driver, "laughingly called to the driver to halt. He had scarcely uttered the word, when he perceived that McConnell had him covered with his rifle. He was working in a tunnel or open cut by the roadside as the four-horse stage came along. Without noticing that guard McConnell was on board with his shotgun, he thought he would joke on the driver. Holding up a hammer he said to the driver, "laughingly called to the driver to halt. He had scarcely uttered the word, when he perceived that McConnell had him covered with his rifle. He was working in a tunnel or open cut by the roadside as the four-horse stage came along. 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Eating a Prickly Pear.

My first sad experience of the African prickly pear was gained on a visit to the market place of Algiers. The fruit was handed to us, politely peeled by the Arab dealer, and thus we made acquaintance with its delightful coolness no suspicion of its evil qualities entered our minds.

A few days later, adding the excitement of a little trespassing to the more legitimate pleasures of a country ramble, we came upon a well laden group of prickly pear bushes and could not resist the temptation to help ourselves to some of the fruit. The result was woeful.

Concentrated essence of stinging nettle seemed all at once to be assailing hands, lips and tongue, and our skin, wherever it had come in contact with the ill natured fruit, was covered with a thick crop of minute, bristly hairs, apparently growing from it, and venomous and irritating to the last degree. Our silk gloves, transformed suddenly into miniature robes of Nessus, had to be thrown away, perfectly unwearable, and the inadvertent use of our pocket handkerchiefs before we had fully realized the extent of our misfortune caused fresh agonies, in which nose as well as lips participated. For many a day did the retribution of that theft haunt us in the form of myriads of tiny stings. "Home Life on an Overseas Farm."

The Invention of the Piano.

The honor of inventing the piano is claimed by the English, the French and the Germans. Father Wood, an English monk at Rome, is said to have been the real inventor in 1711 and to have manufactured one, which he sold to Samuel Cristof, the author of "Virginalia," from whom it was purchased by Felice Greville, though Count Carl claims the credit for Bartholomew Christoforic of Padua during his stay in Florence some three years later (1714). The French attribute the invention to a Parisian named Marquis, who, they alleged, produced in 1710 a harpsichord in which hammers had been substituted for the old plectrums or quills. The Germans are the last in the field with J. C. Schroeder of Dresden, who claimed (1717), when eighteen years of age, to have "constructed after much consideration the model of a new clavier with hammers, upon which he could play loudly or softly."

The Most Remarkable Suicide.

The most curious suicide in the annals of self destruction occurred at Chiquito, N. B., in the spring of 1890. Before committing the deed the self murderer, who was named W. R. T. Jones, dug his own grave and placed a rough coffin of his own handiwork at the bottom. The dirt from the opening was kept from rolling back into the excavation by boards held in place by a trigger to which a string was attached. Everything in readiness, the deliberate Mr. Jones, as subsequent developments revealed, got in the coffin, took a dose of poison and then pulled the string, burying himself beneath tons of earth. This has been put down as one of the most unique and successful cases of self destruction on record.

The Persian Army.

The Persian army, according to Henry Savage Landor, the traveler, is a "painful sight," although there are some good Persian cavalry which has been drilled by Russian officers. The infantry, however, is a ragged, lazy, shiftless lot. He asked permission to see the army drill. "We do not drill in summer; it's too hot," said the general. "Do you drill in winter?" "No; it's too cold." "Are the troops, then, only drilled in the autumn and spring?" "Sometimes. They are principally drilled a few days before the shah's birthday, so that they may look well on the parade day before his majesty."

Notice to Creditors.

ESTATE OF AGOSTINO CHICHIZOLA, DECEASED. NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned executor of the last will and testament of Agostino Chichizola, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within ten months after the first publication of this notice to the said executor, at the law office of John F. Davis, California, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate, in said county of Amador.

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JULIUS CHICHIZOLA.

Executor of the last will and testament of Agostino Chichizola, deceased.

John F. Davis, attorney for administrator.

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Crocodiles in Water.

The crocodiles are thoroughly aquatic in their habits, and their peculiar conformation enables them to attack and seize their prey unawares. Their nostrils, which lead by a long canal to the back part of their throats, their eyes and their ears are placed on the upper part of the head, so that when in the water they can breathe, see and hear, while they are themselves practically invisible. When they dive, the nostrils and ears are closed by flaps of valves, and their eyes are covered by a transparent membrane. They are further furnished with an arrangement which prevents the water from getting down their own throats when they are holding large animals under the water to drown them.

The dentition of these reptiles is peculiar. The teeth are sharp and conical and are hollow at the base, and each tooth serves as the sheath of another, which will in time replace it. The tongue—for notwithstanding the ancient belief the crocodile does possess a tongue—is fleshy and is attached to the bottom of the mouth. And finally the lower jaw is hinged at the very back of the skull, thus giving the animal its extraordinary gape and also the peculiar appearance which caused the notion that it moved its upper jaw.

Curious Fire Alarms.

In St. Petersburg the arrangement of fire alarms is rather peculiar and decidedly unique, and the fire alarm telegraph is an unknown thing. Instead a fireman is at all times in the tower of the city hall, and he watches the surrounding city to catch the first glimpse of a fire. When a fire is discovered during the day, he runs up black balls to signal the alarm; at night red lanterns are used. The number of the balls or lanterns shows the district or ward in which the fire is located, says a writer on "Foreign Fire Fighters" in Cosmopolitan. As soon as the signal is seen by the man on duty at the engine house he rings a bell outside, which calls together the members of the company, who may be scattered over a couple of blocks. This method is not conducive to quick time in reaching the scene, and from twenty minutes to half an hour is good work unless the fire happens to be near an engine house.

Changed His Mind.

Jinks, like other men, has a horror of infant prodigies as exploited by their proud papas. Recently Blinks met him with:

"Hello, Jinks! What do you think my girl said this morning? She's the brightest four-year-old in town. She said—"

"Jinks shield. 'Excuse me, old man!' he exclaimed. 'I'm on my way to keep an engagement. Some other time—'"

"She said, 'Papa, that Mr. Jinks is the handsomest man I know.' Haw, haw, haw! How's that for precocity, eh?"

And Jinks replied: "Blinks, I'm a little bit of a smarty. I'm on my way to keep an engagement. Some other time—"

"Good Paste. Not every man can make a good flour paste that can be preserved without decay. When such a paste is needed, try the following: Mix good, clean flour with cold water into a thick paste and continue mixing until the flour and water are well blended. Now add boiling water and stir until it is thin enough to spread with a brush. Add to this a spoonful or two of brown sugar, a little corrosive sublimate and a few drops of oil of lavender and you will have a paste that will hold with wonderful tenacity.

In Holland. Many of the country dames and damsels in Holland look as if they had been brought up on soap and water. Their faces glister so preternaturally, their pots and pans, the red tiles of their floors, their tables and benches all bear witness so unmistakably to their cleanliness and order. I suppose a fly in the butter they were churning or a nibbed foot on the boards they have but just scrubbed would be as nearly likely to give them a fit as anything could be—Chambers' Journal.

A Giant Emperor.

Maximilian, the giant Roman emperor, could twist coils into corkscrews, powder hand rocks between his fingers and do other seemingly impossible things. When angered, he often broke the jaw of a horse or the arm of an ox with his fist. His wife's bracelet served him for a ring, and every day he ate sixty pounds of meat and drank an amphora of wine.

Eyeless Fish in Boiling Water.

One of the most remarkable discoveries in the shape of a peculiar species of fish ever made on this continent was that made at Carson City, Nev., in 1870. At that time both the Hale and Noreen and the Savage mines were down to what is known as the "2300 foot level." When at that depth, a subterranean lake of boiling water was tapped. This accident flooded both mines to a depth of 400 feet. After this water had all been pumped out except that which had gathered in basins and in the inaccessible portions of the works, and when the water still had a temperature of 128 degrees—nearly scalding hot—many queer looking little blood red fish were taken out. In appearance they somewhat resembled the goldfish.

They seemed lively and sportive enough when they were in their native element—boiling water—notwithstanding the fact that they did not even have rudimentary eyes. When the fish were taken out of the hot water and put in buckets of cold water for the purpose of being transported to the surface, they died as quickly as a perch or a bass would if plunged into a kettle of water that was scalding hot; not only this, but the skin peeled off exactly as if it had been boiled.

Eyeless fish are common enough in all subterranean lakes and rivers, but this is the only case on record of living fish being found in boiling water.

Passing a Plate in a Church.

There was a very large congregation, and the rector seeing that there was only one altar dish made signs to a rustic from the chancel entrance to come to him and bade him go into the rectory garden through a glass door into the dining room, where there had been a slight refection before the service, bring a dish from the table, take it down one side of the north aisle and up the other and then bring it to the clergyman at the place from which he started. The rustic disappeared, reappeared with the dish, took it as he was ordered and presented it to the people on either side of the aisle, and then approaching the rector whispered in his ear: "I've done as yer told me, sir. I've taken it down one side of the aisle and up 'tother—they'll none of 'em 'ave any." No order had been given to empty the dish, and it was full of biscuits—Dean Hole's "Memories."

Shellac in Chinese Works of Art.

By securing shellac with heat it may be drawn out and twisted into almost white sticks and of a fine silky luster. Extreme beauty is given to Chinese works of art by the use of shellac. Some of them are very ancient and of great value. They are chiefly chowchow boxes, tea basins or other small objects made of wood or metal. They are covered with a coat of shellac, colored with vermilion, and while it is molten and shaped into beautiful patterns. Some of these works thus ornamented are so rare and beautiful that even in China they cost fabulous sums.

He Forgave the Bishop.

A certain bishop, an ardent advocate of teetotalism, found one of his flock, to whom he had preached for years, leaning in helpless drunkenness against a wall.

"Wilkins!" cried the bishop, inexpressibly shocked. "Oh, Wilkins! You in this state! I am sorry; I am sorry!"

As the bishop was passing by on the other side Wilkins pulled himself together and hiccupped after him: "Bishop, bishop!"

The bishop hastened back in the hope of hearing a resolution of repentance. "Bishop, if you are really sorry I forgive you!"

A Bird Much Like a Fish.

The "birds of a feather" that "flock together" do not belong to the penguin family, as they are entirely destitute of feathers, having for a covering a kind of stiff down. Another penguin peculiarity is that it swims not on, but under, water, and is deeper bodied than its head out, and when fishing coming to the surface at such brief and rare intervals that an ordinary observer would almost certainly mistake it for a fish.

Discouraging.

"My dear sir," wrote the editor to the persistent young author, "in order to simplify matters somewhat, we are enclosing a bunch of our 'declined with thanks' notices. If you will put one of these in an envelope with your manuscript and mail it to yourself, it will make it easier for all of us, and you will be saving something in postage as well."—Chicago Post.

Goldfish.

There are some goldfish in Washington which belonged to the same family for the last fifty years, and they seem no bigger and no less vivacious today than they did when they first came into the owner's possession. A few of the fish in the Royal aquarium in St. Petersburg are known to be 150 years old.

Depressing.

"Where there's aught and cheers during your speech?"

"Well, answered the youthful statesman, "there weren't many cheers, but now and then people in the audience looked at one another and laughed."—Washington Star.

A Case of Necessity.

Mrs. Smith—We missed you so much at our party.

Mrs. Jones—And I was so vexed when I couldn't come! You see, our cook had company unexpectedly, and she needed us to fill out the card tables.—Detroit Journal.

The eyes of other people are the eyes that ruin us.—Franklin.

Retrospection.

A Scotchman had two sons, one of whom was a doctor and the other a clergyman, of whom he was very proud. "If I had kept," said he, "that one of my sons was to be a medical man and the other a minister, I would never have had auld Jenny McCosh for their mother."

Doctors Make No Mistakes. Patient—But, doctor, only last week you said I would surely die, and today you see I am as well as I ever was.

Doctor—Sir, I never make a mistake in a diagnosis. Your ultimate demise is only a matter of time.—Chicago News.

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Historic Conflagrations.

A list of nearly all the great catastrophes of the world. Persepolis, the splendid residence of a long series of rulers whose tributary provinces extended from the Hellespont, was burned, with all its palaces and temples; Babylon and Carthage were so utterly destroyed that their very location has become a matter of doubt. Rome was burned eight times, Jerusalem four times, and though they rose from their ashes.

The second temple is not like the first.

Athens, Syracuse, Baghdad, Alexandria and Antioch now exhibit only a shadow of their former grandeur. The Phoenicians, like the Spartans and Assyrians, disappeared with the ruin of their capitals, but the most fateful conflagration recorded in the history of the world is perhaps that of Moscow.

"They talk as if the fate of Europe had been decided at Waterloo," says De Bourienne in his memoirs of the first empire. "If Napoleon had beaten Wellington and Blucher a dozen times, it could not have retrieved the reverses of the three preceding years. The truth is that the French Caesar and his fortune were ruined by the burning of Moscow. That city was the funeral pile of the great nation."

Man More Liquid Than Solid.

Every fiber and every cell that enters into the formation of a living body is bathed in moisture, by which means alone these ultimate elements are kept alive and are enabled to carry out their duties. Even the bones, which appear to be the most solid of all, owe more than half of their weight to the presence of fluid.

That our bodies contain a large amount of fluid is proved in a striking manner by the blisters which rise after the infliction of a burn.

Water, in fact, plays a very important part in the human anatomy, for it is through its agency that the vital processes of digestion, absorption and the excretion of waste products are carried out.

To reduce the whole matter to figures let us make a comparison of the total weight of an average full grown man. It is said that water alone accounts for 100 pounds of the whole.

Wanted a Chinese Song.

Most of the policemen in Australia are Irishmen, whose genius for humorous blundering loses nothing of its quality under the Southern Cross. Here is an instance: Many Chinese names are reminiscent of a bad joke, and are probably merely barbarian caricatures of the originals. Of these Fong Fat Ah Su and Ah Foh are the most common.

A newly appointed crier in a county court was ordered by the judge in a case in which a Chinese was witness to call for Ah Song. The son of Brin looked puzzled and darted a look at the bench to try to discover if this was a colonial joke, but, seeing the judge as grave as an undertaker, he turned to the audience and blandly inquired, "Gentlemen, will any of you favor his honor with a song?"

Why Grass Grows Hollow.

The stems of grass and oats are usually hollow, and the knots of nodes which occur at intervals and which have a peculiar degree of firmness, derived from the interlacing of fibers, give them a firmness and strength which they would otherwise lack. If the material of wheat straw were in a solid form, it would make but a thin wire stem, which would snap with great ease, but in the hollow form, with the intervening knots, the necessary support is afforded.

Blessed With a Wife.

A former vicar of a country parish not far from Sheffield was a gentleman distinguished for his learning and for the position he took at Cambridge. One day a visitor to the village got into conversation with one of the parishioners, and the talk turned to the vicar.

"Your clergyman," said the visitor, "is a very able man. Why, he is a wrangler."

"I never heard that," was the reply of the villager, "but his missis is."—London Tit-Bits.

The Law of Falling Bodies.

All falling bodies, whether they be crystal raindrops or meteorites, fall with what philosophers term "a uniform accelerated motion."—In other words, if a body be moving at a certain velocity at the expiration of one second from the beginning of its fall it will be moving with twice that velocity at the expiration of two seconds, gaining in speed at a uniform rate throughout the course of its fall.

Unappreciated.

"He's not what you would call strictly handsome," said a major, bearing through his glasses on a baby as he lay howling in his mother's arms, "but it's the kind of face that grows on you."

"It's not the kind of face that grew on you!" was the indignant and unexpected reply of the fond mother. "You'd be better looking if it had!"

A Full Hand.

"John," said Mrs. Norton as she seated herself at the breakfast table, "did you call a waiter?"

"Yes," said Norton, looking up from his paper. "I called him, and he had a tray full."

Feminine Conversation.

Blonks—Women talk about nothing but their dresses.

Blonks—Oh, I don't know. It seems to me I've heard some of them talk about their hats.—Philadelphia Record.

If He Only Could.

Mrs. Noorich—Isn't it grand to ride in your own carriage?

Mr. Noorich—Yes, but I'd enjoy it more if I could stand on the sidewalk and see myself ride by.—Brooklyn Life.

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When you take Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure, No Pay. 50c



Mrs. Fred Unrath, President Country Club, Benton Harbor, Mich.

"After my first baby was born I did not seem to regain my strength although the doctor gave me a tonic which he considered very superior, but instead of getting better I grew weaker every day. My husband insisted that I take Wine of Cardui for a week and see what it would do for me. I did take the medicine and was very grateful to find my strength and health slowly returning. In two weeks I was out of bed and in a month I was able to take up my usual duties. I am very enthusiastic in its praise."

Wine of Cardui reinforces the organs of generation for the relief of pregnancy and childbirth. It prevents miscarriage. No woman who takes Wine of Cardui need fear the coming of her child. If Mrs. Unrath had taken Wine of Cardui before her baby came she would not have been weakened as she was. Her rapid recovery should commend this great remedy to every expectant mother. Wine of Cardui regulates the menstrual flow.

WINE OF CARDUI

The finest codfish in the world are caught on the banks of Newfoundland. These banks have no connection with the shores of the islands, from which the nearest are almost 100 miles distant rising from the bottom of the sea. The great bank measures 540 miles from north to south, and from east to west it measures in places 300 miles. On this bank the depth of water varies from 50 to 300 feet, but the depth around it is from 10,000 to 150,000 feet.

The fishing grounds—or "cod meadows," as they are called—do not cover the whole bank, but are about 200 miles long by 40 broad. Though these have been fished for 400 years the cod are as plentiful as ever. To the east of the great bank lies the outer or false bank, where the sea is from 300 to 600 feet deep. The cod caught on the banks are finer and larger than the fish taken off the Labrador coast. This is supposed to be due to the fact that they have reached the age of four years and upward, at which age their habits vary